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President Promises

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WASHINGTON.

President Kennedy met yesterday with Robert M. Morgenthau, New York Democratic candidate for Governor, and James B. Donovan, the Senate candidate, and promised to spend at least two days campaigning in the state, it was learned.

The Presidential pledge to spend a minimum of two days in New York State was not announced after Mr. Kennedy met with the two candidates at the

White House yesterday morning, but it was understood that the Chief Executive gave this assurance to the two men during their 25-minute conference.

No date was set for the President's campaign appearances in New York, but his schedule is such that it was expected that he would visit the state either late in October or early in November.

Mr. Morgenthau told newsmen that he hoped the President would campaign both upstate and downstate. It was learned that state Democratic leaders are anxious for the President to stump populous Nassau County in addition to traditional appearances in New York City.

It had been known for almost two weeks that President Kennedy would come to New York in behalf of the Democratic ticket. Former President Eisenhower is coming into the state on Oct. 29 to urge support for the Republican ticket. He will speak at the War Memorial Auditorium in Syracuse for the ticket headed by Gov. Rockefeller and Sen. Jacob K. Javits.

Mr. Morgenthau, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, is running against Gov. Rockefeller, one of Mr. Kennedy's potential Republican rivals in the 1964—which is what gives the New York race national political significance.

Mr. Donovan, New York attorney who negotiated the exchange last February of U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Soviet spy Rudolf Ivanovitch Abel, is seeking to unseat Sen. Javits.

Although both men are considered underdogs in their effort to unhorse Republican incumbents, Mr. Donovan told newsmen yesterday that there was "no question about it"—they would both win in November.

"The only problem on our side is overconfidence," he said.

Mr. Morgenthau said he thought the President's trip to New York would be "helpful." He said the campaign would "be run primarily on state



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VISITORS IN WASHINGTON—New York Democratic candidates Robert M. Morgenthau (for governor) and James B. Donovan (for senator) as they left the White House after their visit with President Kennedy.

issues but the record of the Republican party both state and national" would also be an issue.

Mr. Donovan, who is currently engaged in negotiations with the Castro government of Cuba for the release of prisoners taken in the April, 1961 invasion at the Bay of Pigs, was asked whether he thought his role in the negotiations would become a campaign issue. He replied that as far as he was concerned it was "totally divorced from the campaign."

He expressed the view that New York "is entitled to a Democratic Senator" both for "effective representation" and to support the President's programs.

Both men had campaign photographs taken with the President during their visit.

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